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Kameoka City celebrating its 70th anniversary.

The Colors of Kameoka

Introduction

Kameoka City, the echo of Kyoto's ancient heart, speaks in the colors of tradition. Senryoku green whispers of lush landscapes, Seiran blue hums with serene skies, Kikyoiro purple carries the grace of history, and Omoihiro red burns with passion and spirit. These hues are more than shades-they are reflections of the Japanese soul, timeless and traditional. Step into this living canvas, where nature, heritage, and time intertwine, and let Kameoka's story unfold before you.

Let your journey into color and history begin.



Senryoku

The vibrant senryoku color symbolizes the lush nature of Kameoka. Immerse yourself in a serene experience as you embrace the gentle passage of time at Anaoji Temple, Hozukyo Gorge, and Yu no Hana Onsen, where the fresh greenery shines brilliantly.

Seiran

The deep, clear seiran represents the pure waters and vast sky of Kameoka. Enjoy a scenic boat ride down the Hozugawa River or an exhilarating rafting adventure while immersing yourself in the breathtaking landscape woven by fog.



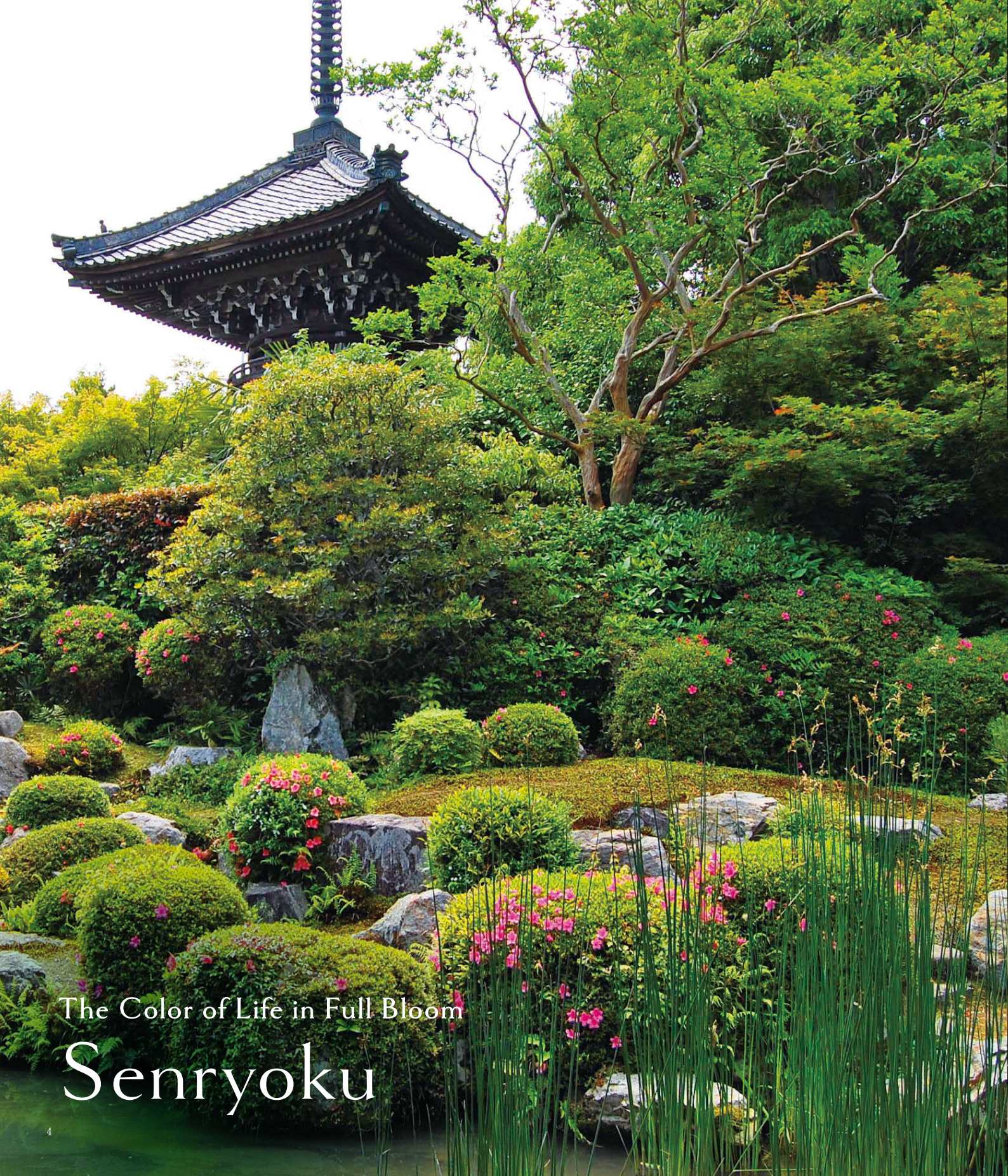
Kikyoiro

The noble kikyoiro color represents vibrancy and elegance. From fields of delicate bellflowers in full bloom to the passionate crowds at the football stadium, Kameoka's vibrant spirit flourishes in every scene.



Omoihiro

A color steeped in the history and culture of Kameoka. Witness the autumn mountains ablaze in red, walk the sacred grounds of Izumo Daijingu Shrine, or feel the timeless charm of Kameoka Festival's Yoimiya Night. Immerse yourself in the quiet beauty of the ancient capital.

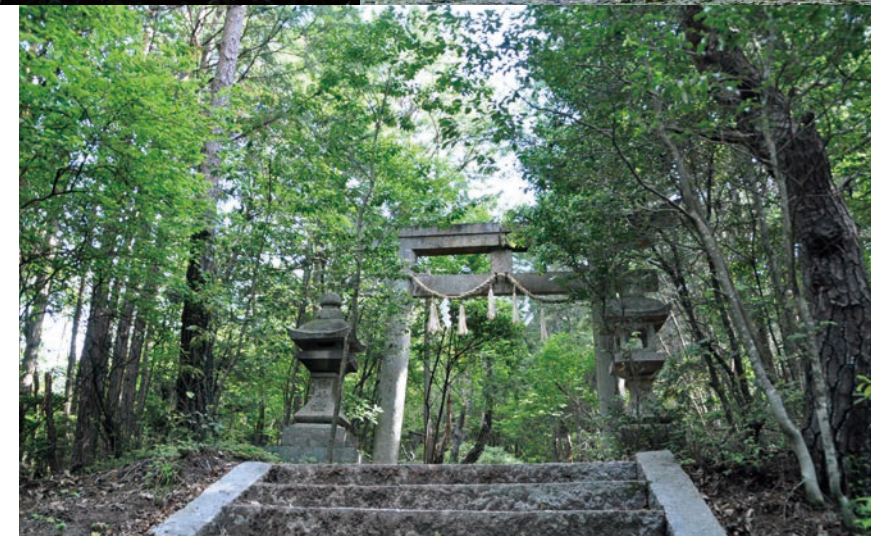


The Color of Life in Full Bloom

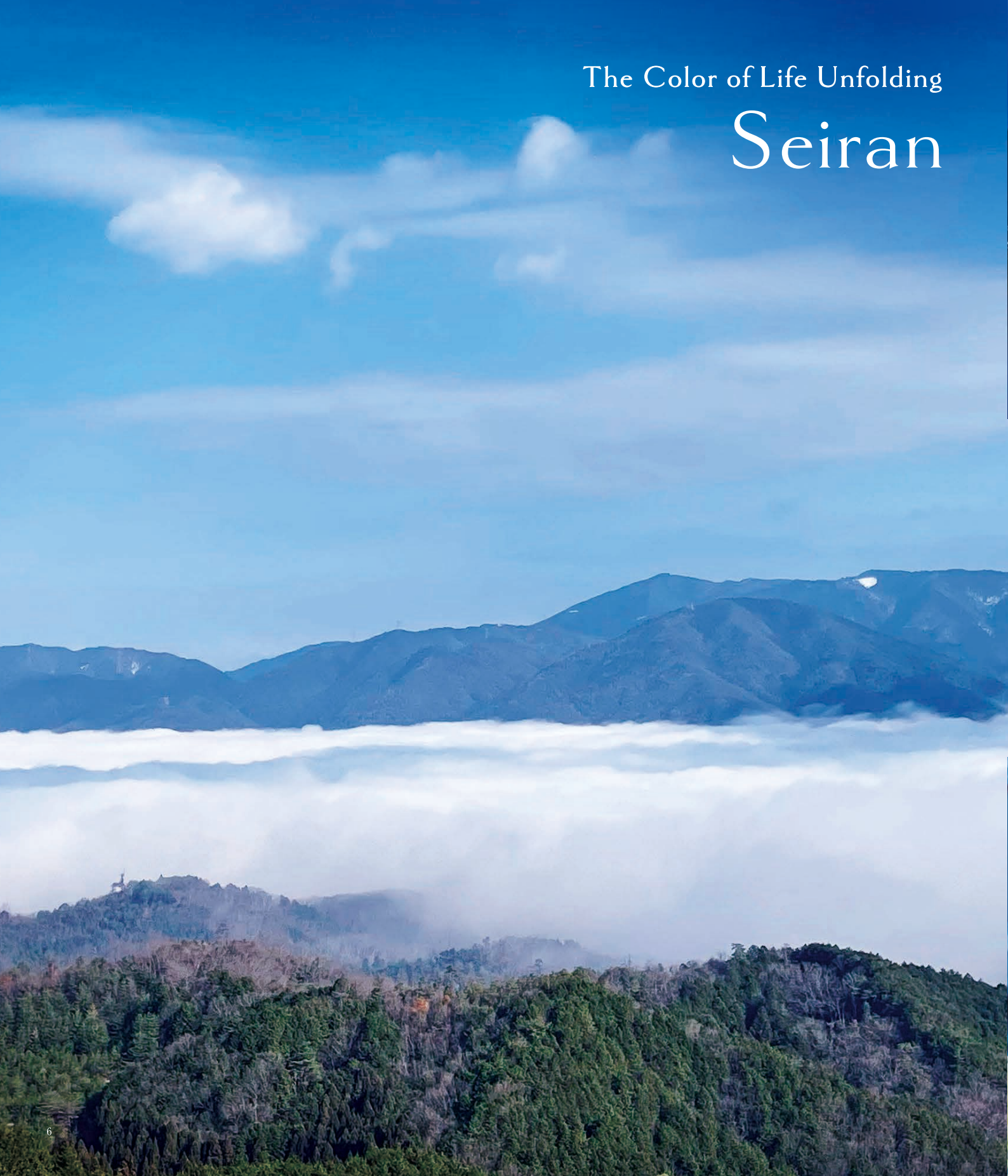
Senryoku



A forest of emerald stretches across
Ushimatsu Mountain.
Spring's fresh leaves, summer's deep greens,
autumn's fading hues, winter's quiet dreams.
Through every season, life flourishes—nature's
rhythm in motion.
Here, where people and nature intertwine,
the beauty of Kameoka leaves a lasting impression.



The Color of Life Unfolding Seiran



The crystal-clear waters of the Hozugawa River nourish Kameoka.
Mountains reflect upon its surface, a place where nature and people breathe as one.
The gentle murmur of the river echoes in our hearts, as Kameoka's deep blue flows toward the future.



The Color of Life's Radiance

Kikyoiro



In Kameoka, where tradition breathes life,
the glow of purple delights the people.
As they walk with history, they take a step into
the future.
The lively streets, filled with the echoes of joy,
stir the heart.





The Color of Life's Brilliance

Omoiro



In autumn, Kameoka is painted in vibrant red leaves, and the Romantic Train winds along the riverbanks. The landscapes of the Hozugawa River blaze in crimson, where nature and people unite. Kameoka's red hues fill the journey with unforgettable memories.



Kameoka Travel Recommendation



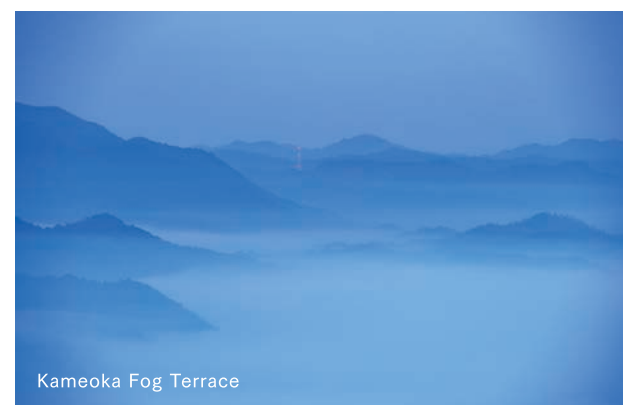
Sagano Romantic Train

In spring, take a stroll along the cherry blossom-lined Nanatanigawa River (Yawaragi no Michi), where the blossoms are in full bloom. Experience the beauty of the gorge on a boat ride along the Hozugawa River, while savoring the sights and sounds of nature. Enjoy the historic Izumo Daijingu Shrine, and indulge in gourmet delights at the serene Yu no Hana Onsen nestled between the mountains.

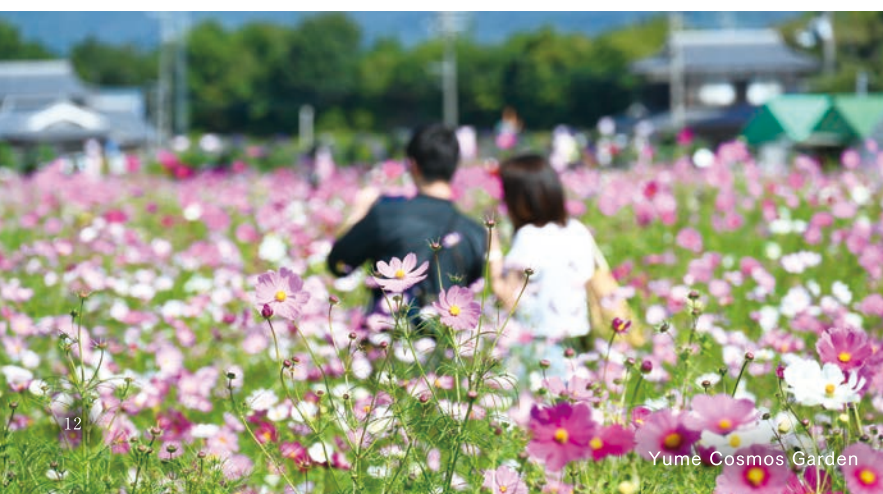


Nanatanigawa River Yawaragi no Michi

Enjoy the breathtaking views of the Hozugawa Gorge aboard the Sagano Romantic Train, and be wrapped in the mystical sea of clouds at the Kameoka Fog Terrace.



Kameoka Fog Terrace



Yumē Cosmos Garden



Hozugawa River Boat Ride



Izumo Daijingu Shrine



Yu no Hana Onsen

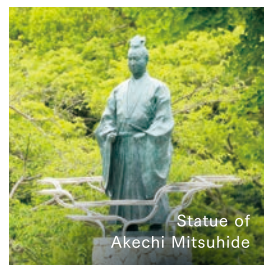


Kameoka is home to a legacy of remarkable figures who shaped Japan's history. In this edition, we spotlight four influential individuals: Akechi Mitsuhide, Maruyama Okyo, Ishida Baigan, and Suminokura Ryoi. Akechi Mitsuhide constructed the Tamba Kameyama Castle, while Maruyama Okyo revolutionized art with his realistic expression techniques. Ishida Baigan founded the "Sekimon Shingaku" school of thought, and Suminokura Ryoi is renowned for building the Hozugawa River canal. These trailblazers offer a deeper understanding of Kameoka's vibrant culture and heritage.

Explore their historical landmarks and visit the Kameoka City Cultural Museum to uncover more about their contributions.

Akechi Mitsuhide's Landmarks

Akechi Mitsuhide, a vassal of Oda Nobunaga, constructed the Tamba Kameyama Castle. Known for the incident at Honno-ji, where he orchestrated the betrayal of Nobunaga, he is also remembered as a wise ruler who enacted benevolent governance and was greatly admired by the citizens.



Statue of Akechi Mitsuhide



Ruins of Tamba Kameyama Castle



Nango Park



Traditional townhouse remaining in the castle town



Kameoka Mitsuhide Festival



Kokushoji Temple (Kikyō no Sato)

Maruyama Okyo's Landmarks

One of the most renowned painters of the Edo period, Maruyama Okyo established a groundbreaking technique of realistic expression. He created numerous stunning fusuma (sliding door) paintings and his unique style continues to influence art to this day.



Kongoji Temple



Shihon Tansai Gunsenzu (Stored at Kongoji Temple)



Shihon Tansai Hatouzu (Stored at Kongoji Temple)

Suminokura Ryoi

A wealthy merchant from the late Sengoku period to the early Edo period in Kyoto. He invested his own wealth to work alongside his son, Soan, in the excavation of the Hozugawa River, opening up the river transport route and laying the foundation for the Hozugawa River boat tours that continue today.



Statue of Suminokura Ryoi (Stored at Daihikaku Senkoji Temple)



Hozugawa River Boat Ride (Early Showa period)



Shin-gaku Learning Hall (at Galleria Kameoka)



Ishida Baigan Memorial Hall

Ishida Baigan's Landmarks

A philosopher of the Edo period who founded "Sekimon Shingaku". He preached the values of diligence, frugality, honesty, and kindness, principles that still resonate today. A museum dedicated to Ishida Baigan will open in his birthplace in September 2025.



Portrait of Ishida Baigan (Private Collection)

Kameoka's Landmark

Sanga Stadium by KYOCERA

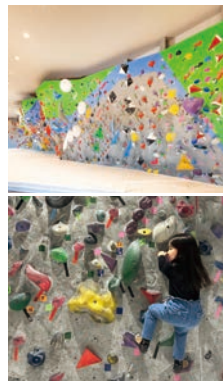


Opened in 2020 as the home stadium of Kyoto Sanga F.C., this stadium is the only sports-specific venue in Kyoto Prefecture, with a seating capacity of about 21,600. It also features popular e-sports zones and climbing facilities. Surrounding areas have been developed with skate parks, and a city-building initiative centered around the stadium is underway.

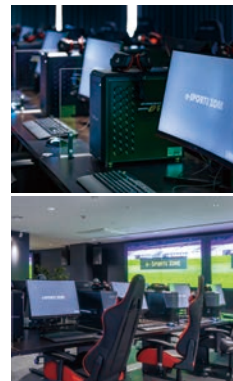
Experience sports from the players' perspective:



Sport Climbing



E-sports



3x3



Skateboarding



Activities in Nature!



Hozugawa River Rafting



For a thrilling adventure in the midst of Kameoka's majestic nature, try rafting on the Hozugawa River. A breathtaking experience as you descend the river with excitement around every corner.



Paragliding



The Kameoka basin, known for its favorable updrafts, offers the perfect conditions for paragliding. Soar through the sky and enjoy panoramic views of the stunning landscape.



Campsites



There are numerous attractive campsites to explore. Create unforgettable memories with family and friends under the clear skies and a blanket of stars.



Event Calendar



Kameoka, A Timeless Destination



Jan.	◆ The first Sunday of March	Hozugawa River Day
Mar.	◆ Late March	Kameoka Sakura Week
Apr.	◆ April	Kyoto Kameoka Balloon Festival
	◆ April 18	Izumo Fuyu Flower Dance (Izumo Daijingu Shrine)
	◆ Late-April	Kameoka Flower Fair
	◆ May 3	Kameoka Mitsuhide Festival
Jun.	◆ Mid-May	Open Garden Kameoka
	◆ Late-June	Tamba Kameoka Mitsuhide Story Kikyo no Sato Opening
Jul.	◆ The first Sunday of July	Inukanno Onda Festival (Matsunoo Taisha Shrine)
	◆ Early-August	Kameoka Peace Festival, Kameoka Dance Festival
	◆ August 11	Kameoka Peace Festival, Hozugawa River Fireworks Festival
	◆ August 14	Saeki Lantern Festival (Joint Event of the Four Shrines: Hiedano Shrine, Goryo Shrine, Kawakuma Shrine, and Wakamiya Shrine)
Sep.	◆ August 19	Oi shrine Tachibana Ceremony (Oi Shrine)
Oct.	◆ Early-October	Kyoto Tamba / Kameoka Yume Cosmos Garden Opening
	◆ Mid to Late-October	Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation, Castle Ruins Art Exhibition
	◆ October 24-25	Kameoka Festival Yamahoko Parade (Former Tamba Kameyama Castle Town)
Dec.	◆ Late-October	Agri Festa (Agricultural Festival)
	◆ Late-November	Kyoto Tamba KAMEOKA Yume Narie Opening
	◆ Early-December	Kyoto Kameoka Half Marathon

*Please note that the timing and availability of each event or activity may change.

Circular Kameoka Lab

As a central facility for environmental policies, it introduces the city's initiatives and strategies.



Photo by Nobutada Omote



Ayumodoki Conservation Activities

The Ayumodoki, Kameoka City's official fish and a designated natural monument, serves as a symbol of the environmental preservation.



National Urban Greenery Fair in Kyoto-Tamba

The National Urban Greenery Fair in Kyoto-Tamba, held from September 18 to November 8, 2026, is one of Japan's largest green events. With the theme "Shining Kyoto-Tamba through Food, Agriculture, Environment, and Art", the fair showcases the region's charm through park development, exhibitions, workshops, and more. It aims to promote sustainability and contribute to the creation of greener urban spaces.

Kameoka's Zero Plastic Waste Declaration

With a goal of achieving zero disposable plastic waste by 2030, Kameoka has enacted Japan's first ordinance banning the provision of plastic shopping bags. The rate of residents bringing their own eco-bags has approached 100%, contributing to the increased environmental awareness within the community. Additionally, the city has implemented a variety of policies aimed at preserving its rich natural environment.

The Arts of Kameoka

Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation

At the Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation, those with expertise and skills that contribute to the community, such as farmers and boatmen, are celebrated as "artists". The festival is dedicated to fostering a town filled with culture, where everyone contributes to creating a vibrant, artistic atmosphere.



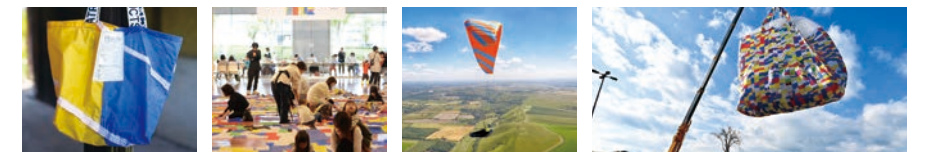
Open Atelier

Kameoka KIRI Art Cultivation serves as the heart of the city's vibrant cultural scene, hosting a variety of exhibitions and workshops throughout the year. With spaces open for study, reading, and creative pursuits, anyone can enjoy this free, welcoming space.

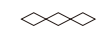


HOZUBAG

Crafted from upcycled paragliding fabric, these bags take on unique forms depending on how the fabric is cut. It was created by the KAMEOKA FLY BAG Project, which symbolizes Kameoka's commitment to the environment, turning what was once used into something new and beautiful.



Raising Children in Kameoka



Nestled near the city and surrounded by nature, Kameoka offers the best of both worlds-a perfect blend of urban convenience and rural charm. With a strong "Children First" commitment, the city is dedicated to fully supporting families and those raising children.



Examples of Child-Rearing Support Initiatives in Kameoka



Four key free services to support families:
Childcare fees / After-school care / Diapers / Medical expenses
*Conditions apply to each service.

In addition to being a leading municipality for child-rearing support, Kameoka offers unique environmental learning experiences, such as rafting while cleaning up, along with active international exchanges with cities abroad. The city fosters a rich and supportive educational environment for all.

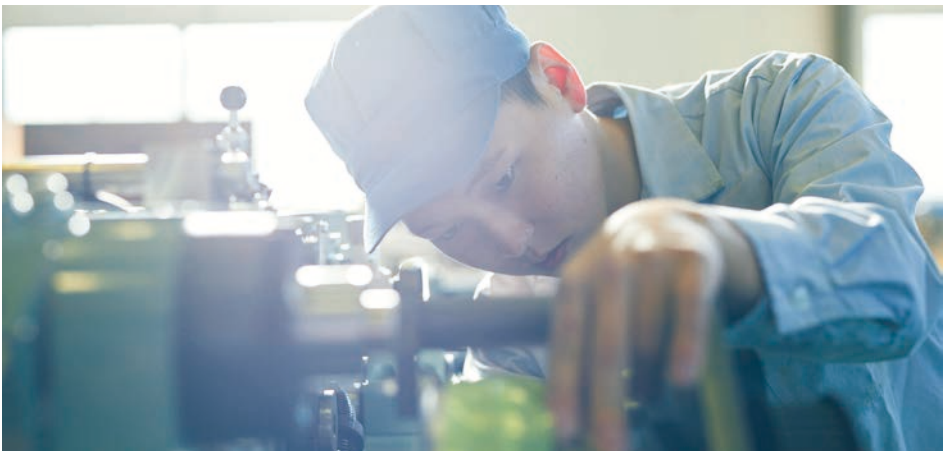
Sister Cities, and Friendship Cities

Knittelfeld, Austria Jandira, Brazil Stillwater, USA Suzhou, China

Kameoka's Growing Business Landscape



With excellent access to urban areas, Kameoka has become an attractive destination for businesses, with many companies expanding into the region in recent years.



Comprehensive Support Systems in Place

Kameoka is gaining recognition as one of the leading industrial hubs in Kyoto Prefecture. To encourage business development, the city offers incentive programs for business location, start-up grants to support new ventures, and subsidy programs in partnership with Kyoto Prefecture. There is also a wealth of detailed support, including expert business consultations and information sharing.

Learning Cutting-Edge Technologies in Kameoka

Kyoto University of Advanced Science



Kameoka Campus

Set on expansive grounds surrounded by rich nature, this comprehensive university offers educational programs in collaboration with the local community, alongside state-of-the-art facilities.



Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Hub

Kameoka, Open Innovation Center



A key center for industrial revitalization, the center is equipped with the latest smart agriculture houses, conducting research to improve agricultural efficiency, support training in EV technology, and promote various other initiatives.



Organic Village Declaration



Kameoka Organic Action



Long known as "Kyoto's Kitchen", Kameoka has been supporting a rich food culture for centuries. To continue passing this bounty down to the future, Kameoka became the second city in Japan to declare itself an "Organic Village". The city is making steady progress toward sustainable farming, including initiatives such as the Kameoka Organic Farming School to increase the number of farmers.

Kameoka Organic Farming School



Kyoto-Tamba Rice

Renowned for its exceptional quality, Tamba rice is characterized by its soft texture and delightful mouthfeel.



Kameoka Kyoto Vegetables

With a climate that creates significant day-to-night temperature differences and frequent fog, combined with well-draining, nutrient-rich soil, Kameoka produces a wide variety of Kyoto vegetables.



Shogoin
Turnip



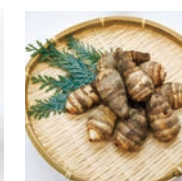
Kamo
Eggplant



Shogoin
Globe Radish



Tamba
Chestnut



Ebi Imo
(shrimp-shaped taro)



Mizuna
(Japanese mustard green)



Kujo
Green Onion

Products of Kameoka



Kameoka Beef

On par with famous Japanese Wagyu brands, Kameoka Beef thrives in a rich natural environment. The secret to its exceptional flavor lies in long-term aging and carefully selected feed, all crafted with meticulous attention to detail.



Local Sake

Blessed with fertile soil and clean water, Kameoka is renowned as a top producer of fine sake.



Iwai (Rice for Sake Brewing)



Inukanno Soba

Located at an altitude of around 400 meters, Nishibetsuincho Inukanno is known for its significant day-to-night temperature differences. This unique climate makes it ideal for growing buckwheat (soba), producing soba noodles with a rich fragrance and delightful flavor.

Umaji Dainagon Azuki Red Beans

Highly sought after, Umaji Dainagon Azuki red beans are considered the "jewels of the field". With their distinctive flavor, aroma, and large, glossy beans, they are the epitome of premium quality.



LOCATION

【Senryoku】

Anaoji Temple (Japan Heritage Component Cultural Asset)／
Kameoka Peace Festival Hozugawa Fireworks Festival／
Yu no Hana Onsen／
Hiranosawa Pond／
Ushimatsu Mountain／
Kyoto Tamba KAMEOKA Yume Narie／
Sagano Romantic Train／

【Seiran】

Kameoka Fog Terrace／
Hiranosawa Pond Cherry Blossom Light-up／
Kamekita Sanga Square (Balloon Festival)／
Tokonage Mountain Before Dawn
Hozugawa River Boat Ride／
Indigo Dyeing／
Hozu Kobashi Bridge／

【Kikyoiro】

Tamba Kameoka Mitsuhide Story Kikyo no Sato／
Kyoto Kameoka Balloon Festival／
Kameoka Peace Festival Hozugawa Fireworks Festival／
Sanga Stadium by KYOCERA／
Hozu Bridge at Sunset／
Cherry Blossoms at Dusk／
Kyoto Tamba KAMEOKA Yume Narie／

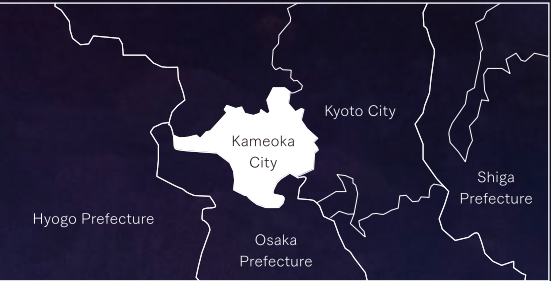
【Omoiiro】

Fall Colors at Kuwayama Shrine／
The Dawn Glow Viewed from Tokonage Mountain／
Red Spider Lily／
Kameoka Festival (Former Tamba Kameyama Castle Town)／
Autumn Leaves and Sagano Romantic Train／
Kyoto Tamba / Kameoka Yume Cosmos Garden／
Hozu Fire Festival／



In Conclusion

With its lush mountains, crystal-clear rivers, historic townscapes, and vibrant local traditions, we hope this booklet has given you a glimpse of Kameoka's charm. We invite you to visit and experience Kameoka firsthand, creating unforgettable memories and capturing moments that will stay with you forever.



ACCESS

About 20 minutes by rapid train from JR Kyoto Station
About 90 minutes by express train from Kansai International Airport to JR Kyoto Station